GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DEBARRING OF TAX PAYERS FROM P.D.S.
JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memoranda from various State Governments with regard to showing their inability in identifying income tax payers to whom the Government have debarred from taking sugar etc. from PDS; and

(b) if so, the details of modalities evolved by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : A few State Governments did intimate the Central Government their inability inidentifying the income tax assessees and their family members for exclusion from Public Distribution System (PDS) in respect of sugar.However, after a meeting the State Government officers concerned to finalise the modalities, it has been decided to give the State Governments time upto 30.06.2000 to complete the process of identification of all the card holders who are also income tax assessees and exclude them for the purpose of distribution of sugar under the PDS.